

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the seventh-leading cause of death, affecting more than 21,000 Montanans, among 7 million Americans and more than 55 million people around the world; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder that tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to advancing mental and physical impairments, for which there is currently no prevention or cure; and

WHEREAS, lack of awareness of Alzheimer's disease has resulted in only half of those affected ever being diagnosed, effectively denying countless people access to the Alzheimer's Association's free resources; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Alzheimer's extends to loved ones of those with the disease, including 17,000 Montana family members and friends who provided an estimated 25 million hours of unpaid care in 2023 at a value of over \$478 million; and

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds to find a cure and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with the disease and their care partners and bringing us closer to finding a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the month of November, 2024 as:

NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH & NATIONAL CAREGIVER MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 4th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty-four.



Andrea Davis
Mayor